

Admission requirements

To be considered for entry, applicants must be Registered Nurses holding a three-year Bachelor of Nursing from an Australian University or equivalent. While not mandatory, it would be beneficial and preferable to have clinical experience as a Registered Nurse. Some courses require students to be practising during enrolment. This recommendation exists because registered nurses should have consolidated their practice, and understand the context of that practice, prior to engaging in advanced education. A process of Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL) will be used to assess Registered Nurses, without Bachelor degrees, who wish to gain entry to the program on the basis of equivalent experience or qualifications. Applicants should contact the Program Coordinator if they wish to be assessed for admission on this basis.

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#).

If you do not meet the English language requirements you may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, you may be admitted to an award program.

Program fees

Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of your higher education and you as a student pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#). Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [HECS-HELP](#).

Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [FEE-Help](#).

International full fee paying place

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Program structure

The Master's program contains twelve units. There are nine compulsory courses of one unit each and three units of electives.

Program completion requirements

To qualify for the award of Master of Nursing, a candidate must complete or be exempted from courses with a total value of twelve units within five years of first admission to the program, subject to the following.

Of the units counted to qualify for the award:

- (1) at least six units shall be for courses completed at USQ
- (2) nine units made up of the following courses:

- [NUR8060 Health Policy Analysis and Review](#)
- [HSC8050 Research Methodology for the Human Sciences](#)
- [NUR8340 The Law and Health Care Practice](#)
- [NUR8550 Professional Studies 1](#)

- HEA8302 Culture as a Determinant of Health
- ANP8003 Management in Health Care Practice
- HSC8060 Research Project Design
- HSC8070 Health Masters Project A
- HSC8080 Health Masters Project B

(3) three units shall be for postgraduate (Level 5 or 8) courses, approved by the Program Coordinator or selected from the list of electi

Credit

Candidates must complete at least six units of courses offered by USQ whilst enrolled in this program so at most six units of exemptions may be applied for on the basis of appro